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SQUARE.

LIGHT THE TUNNEL.

The blame for the collision in the Fourth

Avenue Tunnel yesterday should be pos-

itively determined and placed. The loss of

life given the city the right to investigate,

and neither trouble nor expense should be

considered. The people demand it.

An accident in the tunnel was not unex-

pected by those who ride daily on the New

York Central and its branch lines. The

trains rush into this black hole and tear

themselves apart, while the engineer cannot see

fifty feet ahead. If there should be any

obstruction on the track; if some signal

were misunderstood, a wreck must occur

and death and disaster result.

Engines chugging along at thirty-mile an

hour speed do not feel their way, and if

there is anything ahead there is no time or

chance to stop; for it cannot be seen until

the train is upon it. And the New York

Central Railroad Company knows this as

well as its passengers.

Three years ago it was suggested to the

Directors of the Company that it was neces-

sary to light the tunnel with electric lights,

and the Company decided against it. If it

had been so lighted yesterday those six un-

fortunate would not have been killed.

Light the tunnel. The traveling public

demands it, humanity suggests it and right

makes it imperative.

Who is to blame for the disaster in the

Fourth Avenue Tunnel yesterday? Why

was it not lighted?

AT LEAST THIS.

The investigation into the census by the

Assembly Committee appointed to examine

the arithmetic vagaries has elicited from a

witness that he was not allowed to finish

his work, but had to turn in an enumeration

notably short of the real figures.

This enumerator is only one of hundreds,

and deficiencies like those of his return

multiplied, would at once account for the

discrepancy between the Porter Census of

New York City and that of the police

count.

Nobody will be surprised at this. It is

what was supposed. Now, what is to be

done in the face of such an outrageous

thing? What sort of official conduct is a

count which at the best was fraudulently

blundering and at its worst is a crime?

Three years ago it was suggested to light

the Fourth Avenue Tunnel. If it had been

lighted yesterday those six unfortunate

would not have been killed.

The Queen is said to be furious with her

naughty boy, Alexander Edward, who has

been so unpleasantly associated with the

tobacco scandal. No wonder the dear old

lady winces and writhes when he is ap-

proached in a malodorous atmosphere.

He may be hardened to it by a

long and varied experience, but she is sen-

sitive on the point of good behavior.

Light the Fourth Avenue Tunnel.

RAPID TRANSIT WORK.

The Commissioners on Rapid Transit

have given consideration to a scheme ex-

posed by an Englishman, CHARLES M.

JACOB, who designed the East River Tunnel

for the Long Island Railroad. He was in-

troduced by Mr. Conroy, who explained

that he had no pecuniary interest in New

York Rapid Transit but simply wanted the

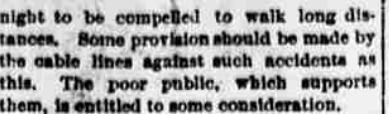
city to get the best.

This is magnanimous on Mr. CONROY'S

part. But the fact that a scheme for Rapid

Transit which would give the public what it

needs and demands should result in it



THE CLEANER.

President Riley, of the New York Driving

Club, sends me a letter this morning an-

nouncing that the members of the club have

elected as honorary members of the Association: President

Harrison, ex-President Cleveland, Secretary

Tracy, Cornelius Vanderbilt, August Belmont,

A. J. Cassatt, C. P. Huntington and John H.

Starn, and that letters of acceptance have been

received from each. This is the most cheer-

ful communication that I have received in a long

time, and I can picture these gentlemen, seated

on the club-house steps at Fleetwood Sunday

mornings, holding large stop watches in their

hands and timing the exercise hours.

I hear that the state day of smiling, smooth,

faced Patrick Keenan, ex-County Clerk and

Tammahall leader in the Twelfth Assem-

bly District, is the same which is set apart in

the calendar for Ireland's patron saint. The

members of the Twelfth District Jefferson Club

know this and are preparing to give Mr.

Keenan a rousing reception on the night of

March 17.

"That was a queer gathering at the Julie

McCarthy dinner, the other night," said one

of the party to me yesterday. "There was

the Campbell, who recently attended the

'Little Clinic,' once for Civil Justice and again

for Congress, pleading his County Democracy

support to the Judge when he runs next Fall;

Judge Goldstone, an old political enemy of

McCarthy, and Police Justice Ryan, who, as a

follower of ex-Alderman Thomas Shahan,

heard the latter remark, 'This is a strange

love feast. I wonder how many here who are

talking so lovingly have knives in their

sleeves."

Last Her Grace, the Duchess of Marl-

borough, can now pay her debt. She only owes

three-quarters of a million, and in five

years, barring accidents, she will be able to

liquidate, the Court now allowing her \$50,000

a year for this purpose. This must make her

Crested's creditors very happy.

It is rather a dangerous thing to undertake

to spell French proper names off-hand, even to

those of nobility, without the aid of a dictionary.

I notice that in the February Har-

per, in a charming story by Edward Everett

Reich, the celebrated French landscape

painter is alluded to as "D'Aubigne." If

there was had to the equally celebrated

French writer, no fault could be found with

this orthography, but in the present instance it

would be interesting to know whether it is

the proof reader, the editor, or the distinguished

author himself who did not know that the

great French painter is Daubigny.

The depleted toadstool is championed at last.

Wise men say that it makes good pipe light-

ers, is excellent for nose bleed and good dress-

ing for women. It is also coming into use in

hospitals. This should be a warning against

looking down on anything.

Allan Arthur, son of ex-President Arthur,

is cutting quite a dash in London, where he

can be seen every day driving a four-horse

team, and a lot of American boys are taking

lessons in handling the ribbons, and by and by

I suppose that we will have lines of coaches

bowling through Central Park to the fright

of pedestrians and terror of those who drive

light wagons.

I dropped into the American Art Association

last evening and took a glimpse of the

collection of Mrs. Stratton Ives, which is soon

to be sold. It is a pretty exhibition and there

were a good many pretty people there, too.

SPOTLIGHTS.

Here are some chunks of wisdom from an

indiscreet philosopher:

If you want to hear an old man talk, remind him

of his youth.

Children will work if you call it play.

A woman will never forget what you say about her

husband or her lover.

When a little dog in his own dog-yard he is as

bold as a lion.

Almost anything you miss is liable to be found in

a boy's pocket.

The only people who like long prayers are those

who make them.

Nothing will make a woman so mad as to tell her

exaggerations.

When you meet ten will speak well of you after-

wards if you tell them for advice.

Food has almost everything to do with

the human mind. It is the middle and

brain who was mostly in appearance. At

least they look like badly cured invalids,

gaunt, dull-eyed or with gutters below the

THE WAYS OF WOMAN FAIR.

Fads, Fashions and Fancies That
Delight the Gentler Sex.

Breakfast Gown of a Stage Beauty—

How to Make Sorbets—Some

Chunks of Philosophy—Cheap

Bedclothes—Don't Look

for Cheap Handstitched

Handkerchiefs.

In the linen market there are ladies' plain,

embroidered handkerchiefs, with a hem

eight of an inch wide, that cannot be bought

for a cent less than \$5 a dozen. They may

interest the women who hunt the shops for

twenty-five-cent embroidered linen hand-

kerchiefs.

The new office of the National Union, 30 Ave. A,

between 10th and 11th Sts., has been

dedicated to the use of the National Union

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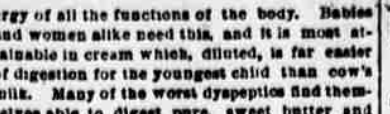
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FROM THE WORLD OF LABOR.

Hartforders' Union No. 1 will hold its annual

annual ball at the Park Hotel, Hartford, on

March 20 at 7:30 P.M.

Branch No. 1 of the German Painters' Union

will hold its annual ball at the Park Hotel,

Hartford, on March 20 at 7:30 P.M.

Textile Workers' Union No. 8 is about to make

new rules for its labor bureau. A new man-

ager will be elected on March 15.

Cal. Morgan, who was responsible for the look-

out of the Union of the National Union of the